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Apprenticeship in Polytechnic course

* 2761 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have selected any factories in Malabar for apprenticeship in Polytechnic course, and if so, how many;

(*b*) whether the Government have obtained any assurance from such factories that they will take in apprentices; and

(*c*) whether any of these factories have since declined to take in apprentices?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir. The Government do not select any factories for giving apprenticeship training to the students of the polytechnics. Evidently the hon. Member wants information regarding the factories in Malabar approved by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras, for giving apprenticeship training to the students. If so, a list[a] of such factories is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) The question does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the Government are aware that quite a number of persons passing out of these polytechnic institutions find it very difficult to get fixed up in any of the factories. There is quite a lot of gate-crashing by the trainees to secure admission as apprentices and consequently there is recommendation or that sort of thing. Those factories which are approved by the Government must be made to accept some apprentices. Will the Government take the necessary steps?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall examine what can be done.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government have any proposal to absorb the students after their training and apprenticeship?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think there is any such proposal.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions Nos. 2762 and 2763 will be taken up together.

Uniforms for hospital workers

* 2762 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether uniforms have been supplied to the last grade servants employed in the Government hospitals in the State; and

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 325–326 infra.